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For : A NOVEL HERBAL COMPOSITION FOR THE TREATMENT OF

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 29, 2005 OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME, AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 29, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 29, 2005 Office Action was originally due October 29, 2005. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. The fee for a three-month extension of time is one thousand and twenty dollars (\$1,020.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. A response to the July 29, 2005 Office Action is now due on January 29, 2006. However, since January 29, 2006 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next business day, i.e. Monday, January 30, 2006, shall be considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. According to 37

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C.F.R. §1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement shall be considered if accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). The required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$180.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: